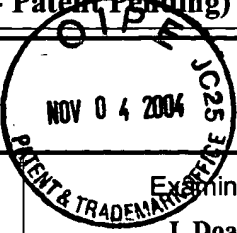
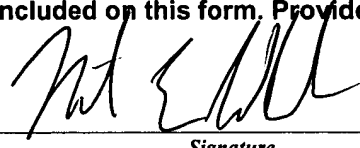


SPW

TRANSMITTAL LETTER (General - Patent Pending)				Docket No. 02410341AA	
In Re Application Of: Nakama et al.					
Application No. 10/648,783	Filing Date 08/27/2003	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> Examiner J. Doan	Customer No. 30743	Group Art Unit 2874	Confirmation No. 4483
Title: OPTICAL CONNECTION DEVICE					
<u>COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>					
Transmitted herewith is: Response to Election of Species Requirement Postcard					
in the above identified application.					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required. <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of _____ is attached. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. 50-2041 as described below.					
<input type="checkbox"/> Charge the amount of _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Credit any overpayment. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charge any additional fee required.					
<input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.					
WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.					
<div style="text-align: center;">  _____ Signature </div>			Dated: November 4, 2004		
Michael E. Whitham Reg. No. 32,635 Whitham, Curtis & Christofferson, P.C. 11491 Sunset Hills Road, Suite 340 Reston, VA 20190 (703) 787-9400			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the "Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450" [37 CFR 1.8(a)] on _____ <div style="text-align: center;">(Date)</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence</div> </div>		
CC:					



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of

Kenichi Nakama

Serial No. 10/648,783

Group Art Unit 2874

Filed August 27, 2003

Examiner Doan, Jennifer

For OPTICAL CONNECTION DEVICE

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the election of species requirement mailed October 5, 2004, the applicant elects the Species 1 invention shown in Figures 1a-1b. All pending claims in the application can be read on the elected species. Please proceed to examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Whitham".

Michael E. Whitham
Reg. No. 32,635

Whitham, Curtis & Christofferson, P.C.
11491 Sunset Hills Road, Suite 340
Reston, VA 20190

Tel. (703) 787-9400
Fax. (703) 787-7557

Customer No.: 30743